

Institutions to provide for imparting instruction in articulation to semi-mutes, (those who spoke before they lost their hearing,) and all others who develop a talent to receive this kind of instruction. We have for some time past had a class of semi-mutes who have been instructed an hour each day in reading, &c. The class is composed of those whose hearing and speech are imperfect, and who, on this account, could not be taught in other schools. Our success in improving their articulation has, so far, been quite gratifying. I would recommend the continuance of this class, and that more attention be given to the instruction of those whose articulation can be improved.

The Conference recommended the establishment of high classes in all institutions where they do not now exist. The design of the class is to give an opportunity for those who evince decided talents to prosecute their studies to a greater extent than can be done during the time they are allowed to remain in the Institution; and it was recommended that the course of studies in these high classes be, as far as possible, in harmony with a course required for admission to the National Deaf Mute College, at Washington, D. C.

The Blind department of our Institution has recently been the recipient of a beautiful and finely toned Parlor Organ, with ten stops, from the celebrated manufactory of Messrs. Carhart & Needham, of New York. This valuable gift was made through the agency of Miss Dorothea L. Dix, who is so well known on account of her noble and self-denying labors in behalf of the Insane of our State and country. Miss Dix informs me that Mr. W. W. Corcoran, of Washington, District of Columbia, and Mr. J. Harris Fahnestock, of New York, aided her in this donation; and I have, in connection with the Blind pupils, forwarded a suitable acknowledgment for their kindness and liberality. This donation supplies a want long felt by our Blind pupils, and will add much to their musical enjoyment.

Permit me, in this connection, to call your attention to a recommendation made in previous reports, that provision be made for the instruction of the male pupils in the Blind De-